(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Food (Health) Authorities of the States/U.Ts. who are responsible for implementation of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act in their State/U.T. have been requested to keep a strict vigil on quality of milk specially with regard to contamination of milk. Central Government is, however, continuously monitoring the situation.

(b) and (c) No such instances have come to the notice of this Ministry.

(d) and (e) Sale of milk or milk products containing a substance not found in milk, except as provided in the PFA Rules, 1955 is prohibited. Any violation of the provision of the Act/Rules attracts legal action.

Poor quality cornea of donated eyes

1327. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maximum percentage of donated eyes are discarded due to poor quality of cornea; and

(b) if so, whether Government is planning to enforce a law for removal of eyes while performing postmortem of accidental cases to obtain quality cornea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Most of the donated eyes are utilized for corneal transplantation for optical purpose in needy population. The cornea, which could not be utilized for corneal transplantation for optical purpose due to poor quality, is utilized for therapeutic graft, lamellar graft, research and training activities etc.

There is no proposal to enforce a law for removal of eyes while performing postmortem of accidental cases to obtain quality cornea.

Loopholes in law pertaining to abortion

†1328. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are major loopholes in the present law pertaining to abortion; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken by Government to remove these loopholes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The present law pertaining to abortion or the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act in India which came into existence in 1971 aims to regulate and ensure safe, affordable, accessible and acceptable abortion services to women who need to terminate a pregnancy upto 20 weeks of gestation on therapeutic, eugenic, humanitarian or social grounds within a legal framework; and as such, the Act leaves little room for any major loopholes.

Clinical Establishment Bill, 2007

1329. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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